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FOR THE SECRETARY AND SAUNDERS FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PGOV, PBOR, IS, EG, XF
SUBJECT: TRANSMISSION OF TEXTS OF ISRAELI PEACE
- PROPOSALS TO PRESIDENT SADAT

REF: (A) STATE 308225, (B) STATE 308227

1. REFTELS ARRIVED AFTERNOON DECEMBER 28, AFTER GOE OFFICES CLOSED. AT FRG RECEPTION LAST NIGHT FOR VISITING CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT, I HAD OPPORTUNITY INFORM FONMIN MOHAMMED IBRAHIM KAMEL THAT PRIMIN BEGIN HAD ASKED THAT WE TRANSMIT THE ISRAELI PEACE PROPOSALS TO PRESIDENT SADAT AND THAT I HAD JUST RECEIVED THE TEXT. ASKED IF I COULD CALL ON HIM TODAY TO DELIVER THEM, BUT ALSO NOTED THAT WE ARE SIMPLY ACTING IN TRANSMITTAL CAPACITY.

2. KAMEL SAID HE HAD BEEN EXPECTING TEXTS TO BE SENT THROUGH US. DURING ISMAILIA TALKS, HE HAD ASKED DAYAN FOR COPY OF TEXTS AND GAMASY HAD SEPARATELY ASKED WEIZMAN FOR A COPY (GAMASY CONFIRMED THIS TO ME TODAY IN TELECON).
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DAYAN AND WEIZMAN HAD EXPLAINED THAT BEGIN HAD ONLY A SINGLE COPY WITH HIM, BUT HAD PROMISED SEND TEXT THROUGH U.S. CHANNELS. HE AGREED THAT WE MEET THIS MORNING SO THAT WE COULD DELIVER THE TEXT.

3. IN MEETING WITH HIM TODAY, I GAVE HIM TWO COPIES OF THE TEXTS, NOTING THAT THE ISRAELI CLASSIFICATION IS

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"TOP SECRET." ALSO REITERATED THAT WE ARE SIMPLY TRANS-
MITTING THEM IN RESPONSE TO PRIMIN BEGIN'S REQUEST AND
THAT OUR DOING SO DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT. KAMEL SAID
HE WAS GLAD TO HEAR THIS, SINCE THERE HAD BEEN PRESS
REPORTS THAT I WOULD BE DELIVERING THE TEXTS AND THERE
WOULD BE SPECULATION ON WHAT THIS MIGHT SIGNIFY IN TERMS
OF THE USG ATTITUDE TOWARD PROPOSALS. I RECALLED THAT
PRESIDENT CARTER HAD CALLED THEM A CONSTRUCTIVE STEP,
BUT HAD ALSO NOTED THERE ARE POINTS IN THEM WHICH IT WILL
BE DIFFICULT FOR EGYPT TO ACCEPT. HE HAD EXPRESSED THE
HOPE THAT THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS THESE POINTS MIGHT BE
RESOLVED. KAMEL TOOK NOTE OF THIS AND SAID THAT HE MAY
TAKE THIS LINE WITH EGYPTIAN PRESS IF ASKED ABOUT MY
DELIVERY OF THE TEXTS.

4. KAMEL NOTED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN PRESS REPORTS THAT
REVISIONS HAD BEEN MADE IN THE PROPOSALS SINCE PRIMIN
BEGIN'S RETURN FROM THE ISMAILIA TALKS. TOLD HIM I WAS
NOT AWARE OF ANY CHANGES.

5. KAMEL EXPRESSED REGRET THAT PRIMIN BEGIN HAD REVEALED
THE DETAILS OF THE ISRAELI PROPOSALS DURING KNESSET
DEBATE. THIS WILL CAUSE EGYPT MORE DIFFICULTIES WITH
THE OTHER ARAB STATES. I POINTED OUT THAT PRIMIN BEGIN
HAD TO DO SO IN DEFENDING HIS PROPOSALS BEFORE THE
KNESSET. I RECOGNIZED THAT DISCLOSURE OF DETAILS OF
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PROPOSALS MIGHT CAUSE GOE SOME PROBLEMS WITH OTHER ARABS,
BUT EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THIS WOULD BE MANAGEABLE.
KAMEL SAID HE WOULD SEND A COPY OF THE TEXTS TO PRESIDENT
SADAT.

6. AFTER MY RETURN TO THE OFFICE, I RECEIVED A CALL FROM
GAMASY ASKING IF TEXTS HAD YET BEEN RECEIVED. TOLD HIM
THEY HAD AND THAT I HAD JUST GIVEN TWO COPIES TO KAMEL.
HE ASKED THAT ONE BE SENT TO HIM AT ONCE. I ARRANGED
THAT THIS BE DONE.

7. FOR TEL AVIV: SINCE PRIMIN BEGIN HAS NOW DISCLOSED
THE DETAILS OF THE PEACE PROPOSALS, DO THE ISRAELIS STILL
REGARD THE TEXTS AS TOP SECRET? IF NOT, I SHOULD ADVISE
GOE OF THIS FACT. EILTS

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